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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE AID TO AFRICA; DR. AUDA ON ELF

REF: A. LOURENCO MARQUEST 724 (NOTAL) - B. ADDIS ABABA 7605 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION JULY 12 WITH ARAB LEAGUE'S (AL) DIRECTOR
OF ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS AL-RIDI, EMBOFF REQUESTED BACKGROUND
ON ABD AL-MALIK AUDA'S AFRICAN TOUR. AUDA, DEAN OF FACULTY OF
INFORMATION AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTOR OF AHRAH'S STRATEGIC
STUDIES CENTER, IS IN AFRICA ON AL SPONSORED LECTURE RPT
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LECTURE TOUR.

2. EMBOFF ASKED AL-RIDI ABOUT AL GRANTS TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES (REF A). AL-RIDI EXPLAINED THAT AL OIL MINISTERS IN CAIRO CONFERENCE IN JUNE 1974 SET UP AFRICAN ASSISTANCE FUND OF 180 MILLION DOLLARS. ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN ON "SOFT LOAN" BASIS, HE SAID, BUT AL FRANKLY DOES NOT EXPECT MUCH, IF ANY, OF LOANS TO BE REPAYED. AL-RIDI TOLD EMBOFF THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD RECEIVE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS, NOT RPT NOT ONLY ONE MILLION AS AUDA RELATED TO PRESS. OTHER AFRICAN STATES GAINING INDEPENDENCE IN 1975 WILL ALSO RECEIVE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS EACH.

3. AL-RIDI EXPRESS SOME SURPRISE THAT AUDA HAD GIVEN PRESS INTERVIEW ON SUBJECT OF AL'S UNSILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT ELF (REF B). ALTHOUGH THIS IS CLEARLY AL AND GOE POSITION, HE THOUGHT IT UNWISE TO RAISE ISSUE IN PUBLIC FORUM IN ETHIOPIA. HE COMMENTED THAT INTERVIEW COULD NOT HAVE DONE MUCH HARM SINCE THIS WAS FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF IT.

4. COMMENT: DR. AUDA APPEARS TO BE NOT WELL CLUED IN ON DETAILS OF AL BUSINESS.
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